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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 20 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 20 depends on 18. 18 is a system claim and 20 claims "The method of claim 18".

On line 1 of claim 20, change "method" to --system-- before "of claim 18":

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. **Claim 18** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,006,091 to Francis Lupien (Lupien).

Lupien discloses a cellular system utilizing a special procedure for correcting/adapting terminal errors, comprising (abstract):

a terminal or user equipment (12), for providing a control/report signal (18) which is indicative of a version of a bit map (col. 8 lines 26-42) supporting error correcting functionalities (see table 2, i.e. FACCH/SACCH ARQ map) of the terminal (12), responsive to a command/information signal (20) for performing setup procedures of the terminal (see figure 1, table 2, abstract, col. 1 lines 9-13, col. 1 line 60- col. 2 line 38, col.4 lines 51-65, and col. 8 line 50-col.9 line 5); and

a network (11), responsive to said control/report signal (18), for determining if new bit map related information is required for completing the setup procedures by the terminal (12) using said control/report signal (18) (col. 5 lines 4-6, col. 9 lines 6-50), for providing said command/information signal (20) to the terminal (12) before said determination using information contained in said control/report signal (18) and after said determination using a new bit map signal (24b) generated by the network (11) (see figures 1 and 2, tables 2 and 3, abstract, col. 1 lines 34-37 and col. 5 line 30-col. 7 line 30).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

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5. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

6. **Claims 1, 3-9, and 19** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupien in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0100291 A1 to Ainkaran Krishnarajah (Krishnarajah) et al.

Regarding claim 1, Lupien discloses a method for correcting/adapting terminal errors in a cellular system comprising the steps of: sending (30) a control/report signal (18) to a network (11) of the cellular system by a user equipment or terminal (12) of the cellular system for initiating setup procedures, said control/report signal (18) is indicative of a version of a bit map (col. 8 lines 26-42) supporting error correcting functionalities (see table 2, i.e. FACCH/SACCH ARQ map) of the terminal (12) (see figure 1, table 2, abstract, col. 1 lines 9-13, col. 1 line 60- col. 2 line 38, col.4 lines 51-65, and col. 8 line 50-col. 9 line 5);

determining (31) by the network (11) whether new bit map related information is required for completing the setup procedures by the terminal (12) (col. 5 lines 4-6, col. 6 line 55-60, and col. 9 lines 6-50);

performing the setup procedures at the terminal (12) using instructions contained in a command/information signal (20) while waiting for the new bit map related

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information from the network (11) for completing said procedures (see figures 1 and 2, tables 2 and 3, abstract, col. 1 lines 34-66 and col. 5 line 30-col. 7 line 30).

However, Lupien fails to disclose the method of performing (44) the setup procedures at the terminal (12) using instructions contained in a command/information signal (20) while waiting for the new bit map related information from the network (11) for completing said procedures; and

completing (56, 58, 62,64) the setup procedures by the terminal (12) using further instructions contained in the command/information signal (20) sent by the network (11), wherein said instructions are configured by the network (11) based on a new bit map signal (24b) generated by the network (11).

In a similar field of endeavor, Krishnarajah discloses the method of performing (44) the setup procedures at the terminal (12) using instructions contained in a command/information signal (20) while waiting for the new bit map related information from the network (11) for completing said procedures (see figure 5, and paragraphs 0011, 0016, 0017, and 0035); and

completing (56, 58, 62,64) the setup procedures by the terminal (12) using further instructions contained in the command/information signal (20) sent by the network (11), wherein said instructions are configured by the network (11) based on a new bit map signal (24b) generated by the network (11) (paragraphs 0035 and 0036).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the method of Lupien with the teachings of Krishnarajah

for the purpose of protecting the security of a communication between a terminal or user and a network.

Regarding claim 3, Lupien discloses the method of claim 1. However, Lupien fails to disclose wherein the command/information signal (20) is a measurement control signal (20-3) and the step of completing (56, 58, 62,64) the setup procedures comprising the steps of: configuring by the network (11) and sending (56) said security mode command signal (20-3) to the UE (12); and performing (58) a security mode setup by the terminal (12) using said security mode command signal (20-3).

Krishnarajah discloses the method wherein the command/information signal (20) is a measurement control signal (20-3) and the step of completing (56, 58, 62,64) the setup procedures comprising the steps of: configuring by the network (11) and sending (56) said security mode command signal (20-3) to the UE (12); and performing (58) a security mode setup by the terminal (12) using said security mode command signal (20-3) (see figures 4,5,6, and 8, abstract, paragraphs 0011, 0016-0018, 0035-0039).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the method of Lupien with Krishnarajah for the purpose of protecting the security of communication between a terminal and a network.

Regarding claim 4, Lupien discloses the method of claim 1, However, Lupien fails to specially disclose wherein the command/information signal (20) is a radio bearer setup signal (20-4), and the step of completing (56, 58, 62,64) the setup procedures

comprising the steps of: configuring by the network (11) and sending (62) said radio bearer setup signal (20-4) to the UE (12); and completing (64) a bearer setup by the terminal (12) using said radio bearer setup signal (20-4).

Krishnarajah discloses the method wherein the command/information signal (20) is a radio bearer setup signal (20-4), and the step of completing (56, 58, 62, 64) the setup procedures comprising the steps of: configuring by the network (11) and sending (62) said radio bearer setup signal (20-4) to the UE (12); and completing (64) a bearer setup by the terminal (12) using said radio bearer setup signal (20-4) (see figure 3 and paragraphs 0005-0007).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Lupien with Krishnarajah for the purpose of integrity protection of connection.

Regarding claims 5- 7, Lupien discloses the method of claim 1. However, Lupien fails to disclose the method wherein the cellular system is a universal mobile telecommunications system (10) (claim 5),

the network (11) comprises a universal terrestrial radio access network (14) and a core network (16) (claim 6);

the universal terrestrial radio access network (14) comprises a serving radio network controller (15) (claim 7).

Krishnarajah discloses wherein the cellular system is a universal mobile telecommunications system (10) (reads on claim 5),

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the network (11) comprises a universal terrestrial radio access network (14) and a core network (16) (reads on claim 6);

the universal terrestrial radio access network (14) comprises a serving radio network controller (15) (reads on claim 7) (see figures 1 and 2, and paragraph 0003).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Lupien with Krishnarajah for the purpose of using universal mobile telecommunications system (UMTS) a planned standard for users around the world.

Regarding claim 8, Lupien discloses the method of claim 7, and the network receiving new bit map signal from terminal (table 2, col. 5 lines 4-6, col. 6 lines 55-60, and col. 9 lines 6-50).

However, Lupien fails to disclose wherein the command/information signal (20) is a security mode command signal (20-3), which is sent to the terminal (12) by the serving radio network controller (15); said security mode command signal (20-3) is generated by the serving radio network controller (15) after (24b).

Krishnarajah discloses wherein the command/information signal (20) is a security mode command signal (20-3), which is sent to the terminal (12) by the serving radio network controller (15); said security mode command signal (20-3) is generated by the serving radio network controller (15) (see figure 4, and paragraphs 0011-0013 and 0016).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Lupien with Krishnarajah for the purpose of securing the network.

Regarding claim 9, Lupien discloses the method of claim 7 and the network receiving new bit map signal from terminal (col. 7 lines 10-30 and col. 8 lines 37-40).

However, Lupien fails to specially disclose wherein the command/information signal (20) is a radio bearer setup signal (20-4), which is sent to the terminal (12) by the serving radio network controller (15), said radio bearer setup signal (20-4) is generated by the serving radio network controller (15).

Krishnarajah discloses the method wherein the command/information signal (20) is a radio bearer setup signal (20-4), which is sent to the terminal (12) by the serving radio network controller (15), said radio bearer setup signal (20-4) is generated by the serving radio network controller (15). (see figure 3 and paragraphs 0005-0007, and 0013-0017).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Lupien with Krishnarajah by using the radio bearer signal for terminal setup in a network for the purpose of integrity protection.

Regarding claim 19, Lupien discloses the cellular system of the claim 18, wherein the network (11) comprising: network, responsive to the new bit map signal

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(24b) and to the control/report signal (18), for determining if new bit map related information is required for completing the setup procedures by the terminal (12) using said control/report signal (18), for providing said command/information signal (20) to the terminal (12) before said determination using information contained in said control/report signal (18) and after said determination using the new bit map signal (24b) generated by the network (11); and

a core network (16), responsive to the control/report signal (18), for generating the new bit map signal (24b), and for providing the new bit map signal (see figure 1, tables 2, and 3, abstract, col. 1 lines 9-13, col. 1 line 60- col. 2 line 38, col.4 lines 51-65, col. 5 lines 4-6, col. 6 lines 55-60, col. 8 line 50-col. 9 line 5, and col. 9 lines 6-50).

However, Lupien fails to disclose network comprising: a universal terrestrial radio access network (14), responsive to a common ID (IMSI) signal (24a),

and a core network providing the common ID (IMSI) signal (24a) to the universal terrestrial radio access network (14).

Krishnarajah discloses the cellular system wherein the network (11) comprising: a universal terrestrial radio access network (14), responsive to a common ID (IMSI) signal (24a) (see figures 1 and 2, and paragraph 0012),

and a core network providing the common ID (IMSI) signal (24a) to the universal terrestrial radio access network (14) (paragraphs 0012, and 0013).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Lupien with the teachings Krishnarajah for the purpose of identification and authentication of a terminal.

7. **Claim 2** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupien, in view of Krishnarajah, as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,782,274 B1 to Jae-Hong Park (Park et al.).

The combination of Lupein and Krishnarajah discloses the method of claim 1.

However, the combination fails to disclose the method wherein the control/report signal (18) also can contain an international mobile station equipment and software version number (IMEISV).

Park discloses the method the control/report signal (18) also can contain an international mobile station equipment and software version number (IMEISV) (see figure 15A and col.19 lines 41-50).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the combination of Lupien and Krishnarajah with Park for the purpose of terminal or user identification in a network.

8. **Claims 10-12** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupien in view of Krishnarajah as applied to claim 7 above, and further in view of U.S. Pub. No. 20040203714 A1 to Gert-Jan Van Lieshout (Van Lieshout) et al.

The combination of Lupien and Krishnarajah discloses the method of claim 7, and determining (31) by the network (11) if the new bit map related information is required for completing the setup procedures (Lupien, col. 5 lines 4-6, col. 9 lines 6-50).

However, the combination of Lupien and Krishnarajah fails to specifically disclose wherein control/report signal (18) is a RACH RRC connection request signal (18-1), which is sent to the serving radio network controller (15) (claim 10),

determining (31) by the network (11) whether the new bit map related information is required for completing the setup procedures by the terminal (12) is performed by the serving radio network controller (15) upon receiving and based on the RACH RRC connection request signal (18-1) (claim 11);

after the step of determining (31) by the network (11) if the new bit map related information is required, further comprising the steps of:

sending (32) a FACH RRC connection setup signal (20-1), based on the RACH RRC connection request signal (18-1), to the terminal (12) by the serving radio network controller (15);

setting up (34) a connection by the terminal (12) using the FACH RRC connection setup signal (20-1) based on the FACH RRC connection setup signal (20-1); and sending (36) a DCH RRC connection setup complete signal (18-2) to the serving radio network controller (15) by the terminal (12) (claim 12).

Van Lieshout discloses the method wherein control/report signal (18) is a RACH RRC connection request signal (18-1), which is sent to the serving radio network controller (15) (reads on claim 10) (paragraph 0022);

determining (31) by the network (11) whether the new bit map related information is required for completing the setup procedures by the terminal (12) is performed by the

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serving radio network controller (15) upon receiving and based on the RACH RRC connection request signal (18-1) (reads on claim 11) (paragraph 0022);

after the step of determining (31) by the network (11) if the new bit map related information is required, further comprising the steps of: sending (32) a FACH RRC connection setup signal (20-1), based on the RACH RRC connection request signal (18-1), to the terminal (12) by the serving radio network controller (15); setting up (34) a connection by the terminal (12) using the FACH RRC connection setup signal (20-1) based on the FACH RRC connection setup signal (20-1); and sending (36) a DCH RRC connection setup complete signal (18-2) to the serving radio network controller (15) by the terminal (12) (reads on claim 12) (paragraphs 0014, 0018, 0022 -0033).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the combination of Lupien and Krishnarajah with the teachings of Van Lieshout so that different channels are allotted for signal transmission between terminal, serving radio network controller and core network for the purpose of efficiency.

9. **Claims 13, and 14** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupien, in view of Krishnarajah, and further in view of Van Lieshout, as applied to claim 12 above, and further in view of Park et al.

The combination of Lupien, Krishnarajah, and Van Lieshout discloses the method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of: sending (38) an RRC initial direct transfer signal (18-3) to the universal serving radio network controller (15) (network) by the

terminal (12), said RRC initial direct transfer signal (18-3), if it is determined that the new bit map related information is required (reads on claim 13) (Lepien, see figures 1 and 2, abstract, and col. 5 line 30-col. 7 line 30),

sending (40) an RRC initial UE message signal (22) to the core network (16) (network) by the terminal (12), said RRC initial UE message signal (22) contains a request for a new bit map (reads on claim 13) (Lepien, see tables 2 and 3, and col. 5 line 30-col. 7 line 30);

the step of performing (44) the setup procedures at the terminal (12), while waiting for the bit map related information from the network (11), and the new bit map signal (24b) generated by the core network (reads on claim 14) (Lepien, see col. 5 line 30-col. 7 line 30).

However, the combination of Lupien, Krishnarajah, and Van Lieshout fails to disclose sending a measurement control signal to the terminal by the serving radio network controller (claim 13),

the step of performing (44) the setup procedures at the terminal (12), while waiting for the bit map related information from the network (11), is performed by configuring measurement configurations based on the measurement control signal (20-2) by the terminal (12) (claim 14);

Krishnarajah discloses sending a measurement control signal to the terminal by the serving radio network controller,

the step of performing (44) the setup procedures at the terminal (12), as performed by configuring measurement configurations based on the measurement

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control signal (20-2) by the terminal (12) (reads on claim 13) (abstract, figures 5, and 6, paragraphs 0016-0018, and 0035-0039),

that RRC initial direct transfer signal contains an international mobile station equipment and software version (IMEISV) number; UE message signal (22) to the core network by the terminal contains a request for the international mobile station equipment and software version (IMEISV) number (reads on claim 13) (paragraphs 0012 and 0013);

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the combination of Lupien, Krishnarajah, and Van Lieshout with the further teachings of Krishnarajah for the purpose of identification and security in the network.

However, the modified combination fails to specifically disclose an international mobile station equipment and software version (IMEISV) number; (claim 13);

Park et al. discloses an international mobile station equipment and software version (IMEISV) number (reads on claim 13) (see figure 15A and col. 14 lines 43-52, col. 19 lines 41-50);

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the combination of Lupien, Krishnarajah, and Van Lieshout with Park et al. for the purpose of identifying a terminal in a network.

10. **Claim 15** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupien in view of Krishnarajah, and further in view of Van Lieshout, and further in view of Park

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et al., as applied to claim 14 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent. No. 6859441 B2 to Stephen G. Dick (Dick et al.).

The combination of Lupien, Krishnarajah, Van Lieshout, and Park et al. discloses the method of claim 14 above, and the generation of new bit map signal by the core network (network) (Lupien, col. 7 line 12- col. 8 line 40)

However, the combination of Lupien, Krishnarajah, Van Lieshout, and Park et al. fails to disclose the steps of sending a common ID (IMSI) signal generated by the core network to the serving radio network controller by the core network.

Krishnarajah discloses the steps of sending a common ID (IMSI) signal generated by the core network to the serving radio network controller by the core network (paragraphs 0012 and 0013);

determining (52) by the serving radio network controller (15) if the new bit map signal (24b) has to be converted to match the international mobile station equipment and software version (IMEISV) number of the terminal (12); and converting (56) the new bit map signal (24b) to match the international mobile station equipment and software version (IMEISV) number of the terminal (12) by the serving radio network controller (15) (paragraphs 0012, 0013, and 0016),

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the combination of Lupien, Krishnarajah, Van Lieshout, and Park et al. with the further teachings of Krishnarajah for the purpose of terminal identification in a network.

However, the modified combination fails to disclose delaying (50a) further setup procedures of the terminal (12) until generating the new bit map signal (24b) by the core network (16), if it is determined that said new bit map signal (24b) is required;

Dick et al. discloses delaying (50a) further setup procedures of the terminal (12) until generating the new bit map signal (24b) by the core network (16) (controller) (col.2 line 43 – col.3 line 40).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the combination of Lupien, Krishnarajah, Van Lieshout, and Park et al. with the teachings of Dick et al. for the purpose of using an updated bit map signal for further setup procedures of the terminal.

11. **Claims 16 and 17** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupien in view of Krishnarajah as applied to claim 7 above, and further in view of Dick et al.

Regarding claim 16, the combination of Lupien, and Krishnarajah discloses the method of claim 7, and a new bit map signal (24b) generated by the core network (16) (i.e. network) (Lupien, col. 7 lines 10-30 and col. 8 lines 37-40).

However, the combination fails to disclose the new bit map signal (24b) generated by the core network (16) to the serving radio network controller (15) by the core network (16),

and delaying (50a) further setup procedures of the terminal (12) until generating the new bit map signal (24b) by the core network (16), if it is determined that said new bit map signal (24b) is required;

Krishnarajah discloses a core network (16) and serving radio network controller (15) (see figures 1 and 2), after the step of performing (44) the setup procedures at the terminal (12), further comprising the steps of: sending (50) a common ID (IMSI) signal (24a) generated by the core network (16), to the serving radio network controller (15) (paragraphs 0012 and 0013).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Lupien and Krishnarajah with the further teachings of Krishnarajah for the purpose of identification and authentication.

However, the modified combination fails to disclose delaying (50a) further setup procedures of the terminal (12) until generating the new bit map signal (24b) by the core network (16), if it is determined that said new bit map signal (24b) is required;

Dick et al. discloses delaying (50a) further setup procedures of the terminal (12) until generating the new bit map signal (24b) (access control modification signals) by the core network (16) (controller) (col. 2 line 43- col. 3 line 40),

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the modified combination of Lupien and Krishnarajah with Dick et al. by delaying the setup procedures until generated new bit map signal (24b) is received from core network for the purpose of using updated bit map signal for further setup procedure.

Regarding claim 17, the combination of Lupien, Krishnarajah, and Dick et al. discloses the method of claim 16, wherein a new bit map signal (24b) is generated by network an error database block (16b) of the core network (16) (Lupien, see table 3, col. 7 lines 12-50, and col. 8 lines 26-48).

However, the combination fails to disclose wherein the new bit map signal is generated using a core network protocol block (16a)

Krishnarajah discloses core network protocol (see figure 3, and paragraph 0005).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the combination of Lupien, Krishnarajah and Dick et al. with the further teachings of Krishnarajah by adding a core network protocol block for the purpose of generating a new bit map.

12. **Claim 20** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupien in view of Park et al.

Lupein discloses the system of claim 18. However, Lupien fails to disclose the method wherein the control/report signal (18) also can contain an international mobile station equipment and software version number (IMEISV).

Park discloses the method wherein the control/report signal (18) can also contain an international mobile station equipment and software version number (IMEISV) (see figure 15A and col.19 lines 41-50).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the combination of Lupien and Krishnarajah with the teachings of Park for the purpose of terminal identification in a network.

Conclusion

13. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The following patents are cited to further show the state of the art with respect to method for correcting/adapting terminal errors in cellular system:

U.S. Pat. No. 6751227 B1 to Kalle Ahmavaara (Ahmavaara et al.)

U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0085926 A1 to Sung-Oh Hwang (Hwang et al.)

U.S. Pat. No. 6741860 B1 to Heikki Einola (Einola et al.)

U.S. Pub. No. 20040198333 A1 to Farouk M. Zanaty (Zanaty)

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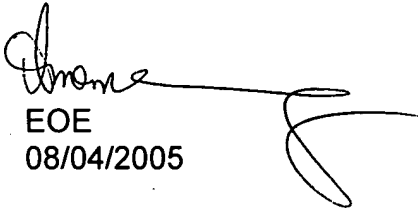
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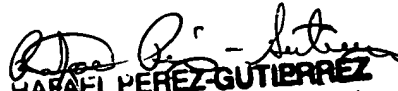
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